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JUNE 17, 1963

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, WATERVILLE, DIV. B, JUNE 1:

WARDEN WILLIAM GORDON, NORTH EDGECOMB: A BROOD OF EIGHT BLACK DUCKS WAS OBSERVED MAY 28 ON A BROOK IN DRESDEN. BASS FISHERMEN HAD GOOD LUCK ON OPENING DAY; ALL FISHERMEN CHECKED HAD THEIR LIMIT. WHITE PERCH FISHING IS IMPROVING WITH WARMER WEATHER.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: FISHING IS SLOW. THE BASS HAVE STARTED ON THEIR BEDS.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: NOT MANY SALMON HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT MESSALONSKEE LAKE RECENTLY. A FEW NONRESIDENT FISHERMEN WERE CHECKED OVER THE HOLIDAYS. A BLACK DUCK NEST WAS SEEN AT MESSALONSKEE LAKE WITH SEVEN EGGS -- ALL HATCHED OUT EVENTUALLY.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: THE WHITE PERCH RUN APPEARS TO BE OVER. THE PERCH WERE SMALL AND SHORTER THAN LAST YEAR. COMPLAINTS OF DOGS BOTHERING POULTRY AND LIVE STOCK WERE RECEIVED THIS WEEK AND SEVERAL COMPLAINTS OF NUISANCE DOGS IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGDALE. AN INCREASE IN BOATING WAS NOTED THIS WEEK, BUT IT WAS QUIET OVER MEMORIAL DAY.

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WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: BROWN TROUT ARE STILL BITING ON KALER POND IN NOBLEBORO. SALMON ON DAMARISCOTTA LAKE IN NOBLEBORO ARE NOT BITING IN THE DAYTIME, BUT AT NIGHT OR FROM DUSK ON THEY ARE DOING GOOD. THE NONRESIDENTS FISHING DAMARISCOTTA LAKE FOR BASS HAD VERY GOOD LUCK THE FIRST TWO DAYS -- NO LARGE ONES HAVE BEEN TAKEN YET. THESE PEOPLE JUST LIKE TO CATCH THE BASS AND LET THEM GO. IT SEEMS AS IF THEY ARE HAVING A CONTEST TO SEE HOW MANY THEY CAN CATCH. SEVERAL PARTIES ARE TOGETHER IN THE SAME SPORTING CAMP.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW, STRONG, DIV. E, JUNE 8:

INSPECTOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIXFIELD: PEOPLE STILL DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE THE FAWN DEER ALONE, AS TWO WERE TURNED IN THIS WEEK. BROOK FISHING IS AT ITS PEAK NOW, AND THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO FIGHT THE FLIES AND ALDERS ARE TAKING LIMIT CATCHES OF WILD TROUT.

WARDEN GLENN SPEED, WELD: FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 7, RETURNING FROM UPTON, I SAW 23 DEER, OF WHICH I BELIEVE ONLY ONE WAS A BUCK AND THE REST DOES. ALL DEER SEEN WERE PICKED UP BY THE HEADLIGHTS OF THE CAR.

WARDEN LEON AYER, FARMINGTON: POND FISHING IS PERHAPS A LITTLE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR; HOWEVER, IT TAKES A GOOD MANY HOURS OF FISHING TO GET ONE, AS THE CHECKING HAS SHOWN. BROOK FISHING IS NIL NOW UNTIL THE NEXT STOCKING IS DONE. HAVE NOT SEEN ANY PARTRIDGES WITH BROODS AS YET. A FEW DOG COMPLAINTS STILL COMING IN.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: ABOUT AVERAGE FISHING IN THIS DISTRICT. A GREAT DEAL OF FLIES NOW, ALSO MOSQUITOES. WATER GETTING VERY LOW IN THE BROOKS. HAD FIRST FAWN PICKED UP AT CANTON.

SUPERVISOR SHAW, JUNE 8:

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, OQUOSSOC: WARDEN LAWRENCE ELLIS AND I SAW A REALLY INDUSTRIOUS FISHERMAN ON KEENAN BRIDGE AT THE OUTLET OF PARMACHENEE LAKE. WE THOUGHT THAT AT DARKNESS HE WOULD QUIT, BUT AT 9:30 P.M., HE TURNED ON A FLASHLIGHT TO CHANGE FLIES. HE MAY HAVE FISHED ALL NIGHT LONG!

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INSPECTOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIXFIELD: FISHING IN MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE WAS VERY SLOW OVER THE WEEK END WITH ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF FISHERMEN TAKING FISH. THERE WERE ABOUT 250 BOATS ON THE BIG LAKE JUNE 1.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: DUDLEY E. NEWCOMB, 45 MORTON ST., WESTBROOK, CAUGHT AN 8 LB.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  OZ. SALMON IN RANGELEY LAKE JUNE 1. THE SALMON, TAKEN ON A NUMBER FOUR BLACK GHOST STREAMER FLY, WAS  $25\frac{1}{4}$ " LONG. FISHING HAS BEEN GOOD AT BIG KENNEBAGO LAKE. LARGE FLY HATCHES HAVE MADE FAST SURFACE FISHING.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, LINCOLN CENTER, DIV. G., JUNE 9:

I RAN INTO ONE FISHERMAN ON A BROOK THIS WEEK WHO WAS COMPLAINING THAT THE MOSQUITOES WERE SO NUMEROUS AND HUNGRY THAT HE COULDN'T GET HIS HOOK INTO THE WATER BEFORE THEY WOULD GNAW THE WORMS OFF!

THE HOT WEATHER OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAS LOWERED THE BROOKS AND SLOWED THE FISHING DOWN CONSIDERABLY. A FEW GROUSE BROODS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED BY SOME OF THE WARDENS. THE BEAR HUNTERS HAVE PRETTY WELL GIVEN UP FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THEY WILL BE AT IT AGAIN AS SOON AS THE GRAIN FIELDS START TO RIPEN. MOOSE SIGNS ARE SHOWING UP WELL ALL OVER THE DIVISION. WE RECENTLY HAD TWO MOOSE HIT BY CARS IN ONE NIGHT. RABBITS ARE VERY PLENTIFUL IN SOME AREAS BUT SEEM ALMOST NON-EXISTENT IN OTHER PLACES. WE ARE STILL HAVING A LOT OF BEAVER COMPLAINTS.

A FISHERMAN WHO HAS BEEN COMING TO SOUTH BRANCH LAKE, SEBOEIS, FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS FOR BASS FISHING STATED THAT ON JUNE 4 HE ENJOYED THE BEST FISHING HE HAS EVER HAD THERE.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, STOCKHOLM, DIV. I, JUNE 12:

FISHING IS STILL GOOD IN THE TROUT PONDS. BROOK FISHING IS JUST BEGINNING IN MOST OF THE DIVISION. MUD LAKE IN THE FISH RIVER CHAIN IS STILL PRODUCING GOOD SALMON FISHING. THE WATER REMAINS FAIRLY HIGH IN THE LAKES, BUT THE RIVERS, BROOKS, AND STREAMS ARE VERY LOW.

MOST WARDENS IN THE DIVISION ARE REPORTING GAME TO BE PLENTIFUL, ESPECIALLY PARTRIDGES AND RABBITS. DEER SEEM TO BE PLENTIFUL, AND WE ARE HAVING A FEW ROAD KILLS IN PLACES WHERE DEER DID NOT SHOW UP IN PREVIOUS YEARS. I OBSERVED MY FIRST BEAR OF 1963 JUNE 9, FROM THE PLANE, MY SECOND JUNE 11, ALSO FROM THE PLANE.

BEAVER ARE CAUSING A LOT OF EXTRA WORK AND WARDEN TRAVEL IN THE SINCLAIR AND EAGLE LAKE DISTRICTS, AND ALSO IN THE DAAQUAM DISTRICT ALONG THE BOUNDARY.

WARDEN ARNOLD BELECKIS IS THE ONLY WARDEN IN THE DIVISION REPORTING SEEING FAWN DEER SO FAR THIS SPRING.

IN SUMMING UP WILDLIFE AND FISH POPULATION IN THE DIVISION, THINGS LOOK NORMAL THIS SPRING, WITH BLACK FLIES LEADING THE LIST BY A BIG MARGIN.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, CARATUNK PLT., DIV. J, JUNE 6:

WARDEN HANK GAUVIN, GREENVILLE: FISHING ON MOOSEHEAD OVER THE WEEK END WAS AVERAGE, BUT A BRIGHT SPOT WAS SEEN IN THE SIZE OF FISH CAUGHT.

WARREN PIERCE OF MECHANIC FALLS CAUGHT A TOGUE JUNE 1 IN THE LILY BAY AREA THAT WEIGHED 23 LB., WAS 38" LONG AND 22" AROUND. THE FOLLOWING DAY, LUCIEN CARON, OF BATES ST., LEWISTON, TOPPED THIS WITH A 28 POUNDER THAT WAS 39½" LONG AND 23" AROUND, FROM THE SAME AREA.

SUPERVISOR BARRON: AFTER THE SNOW DISAPPEARED RECENTLY AND THE FROST GOT PRETTY WELL OUT OF THE ROADS, BLACK FLIES SHOWED UP IMMEDIATELY, IN LARGE NUMBERS. THEY MUST HAVE HAD A TOUGH WINTER, AS THEY CAME OUT HUNGRY. LOTS OF PEOPLE WERE OUT OVER THE HOLIDAY; THE LARGER BODIES OF WATER GOT THE HEAVIEST PLAY.

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FROM SUPERVISOR BARRON, JUNE 12:

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD: LAWRENCE GRONDIN OF WATERVILLE TOOK A TOGUE,  $8\frac{1}{4}$  LB., FROM THE TOGUE HOLE OFF KINEO, MOOSEHEAD LAKE. HE ALSO CAUGHT TWO SMALLER TOGUE, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.

MAX KOLOSZYIZ, HADENVILLE, MASS., WAS INVOLVED IN AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT WHILE FISHING AT EAST OUTLET. HE WAS USING A SPLIT SHOT ON A LEADER, AND THE SHOT CAUGHT ON A ROCK. IN THE PROCESS OF PULLING IT FREE, IT SNAPPED AND THE SHOT HIT HIM IN THE EYE. HIS SIGHT WAS STILL BLURRY SEVERAL DAYS LATER.

SUPERVISOR BARRON: FLY-FISHING FOR TROUT IN SMALL PONDS FAIR TO GOOD OVER THE DIVISION AT PRESENT.

I ASKED A NEIGHBOR OF MINE WHO HAD BEEN ON A ONE-DAY FISHING TRIP TO HIS FAVORITE REMOTE POND, ALONG WITH A RELATIVE AND A FRIEND, WHAT LUCK THEY HAD HAD. HE ASSURED ME THAT THE FISHING WAS ONLY FAIR AND COMPLAINED THAT HE NEVER SAW THE TROUT RUN SO SMALL -- DID NOT CATCH A FISH OVER  $1\frac{1}{2}$  LB.! HE DID SAY THAT THEY PICKED UP 14 FOR THE DAY.

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FROM GAME BIOLOGIST STEPHEN E. POWELL, DRESDEN, JUNE 9:

APPARENTLY MALE DUCKS HAVE STARTED TO CONGREGATE FOR THE SUMMER ON MERRYMEETING BAY. I SAW BETWEEN 200 AND 300 BLACK DUCKS IN A SINGLE FLOCK THIS EVENING, BETWEEN GREEN POINT AND SWAN ISLAND. LIN RIDEOUT CAME UP THE RIVER WITH A BOAT AND SAID HE SAW SEVERAL FLOCKS OF 50 TO 100 BLACKS AT THE FOOT OF THE ISLAND. THE BIRDS WERE MALES WHICH I BELIEVE HAVE LEFT THE NESTING FEMALES.

AN ODDITY IS THAT THE FLOCK I SAW CONTAINED A NUMBER OF MALE BLUEWING TEAL. I'VE NEVER BEFORE SEEN BLUEWINGS IN THESE FLOCKS WHICH OCCUR EACH SUMMER.